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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03/30/2001 and 07/21/2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 5-12 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to the application filed 03/30/01.
2. Claims 1 – 4 have been examined.

Restriction

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1 - 4, drawn to installing and configuring, classified in class 717, subclass 178.
- II. Claims 5 - 12, drawn to a printing and data streaming, classified in class 709, subclass 231.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related as combination and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)). In the instant case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because Group II is independent and not essential to Group I. The subcombination has separate utility such as a printing system and data streaming.

During a telephone conversation with James, Trosin registration number 39,862 on 08/06/2004 a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1 – 4 . Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to this Office action. Claims 5 -12 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Applicant's election without traverse of Group I, Claims 1 - 4 in Paper No. 10 is acknowledged.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 - 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being over anticipated by Hamilton EP 793170 A1.

Regarding claim 1, a server-client network environment, comprising:
a not-as-yet operational client site comprising a client-hardware platform not loaded with any client-software application program (FIGURE 2, see unconfigured client computer 102-1);
a fully operational server site comprising a server-hardware platform, a server-software application program, and a client-software application program (FIGURE 2, 104) and

a client-control utility program installed on the not-as-yet operational client site and providing for an automated download of said client-software application program from the server site (4: 13 – 15, see communication interface 103).

Regarding claim 2, the server-client network environment of claim 1, wherein: the client-control utility program provides for broadcasts of its identity on a computer network that interconnects the client site and the server site (4: 30 –35).

Regarding claim 3, the server-client network environment of claim 1, wherein: the server is responsive to broadcasts from the client-control utility program over a computer network that interconnects the client site and the server site (4:38 – 44, see communication interface 142).

Regarding claim 4, the server-client network environment of claim 1, wherein: the client-control utility program provides for client initialization after downloading said client-software application program (8:10 –14, see configure itself).

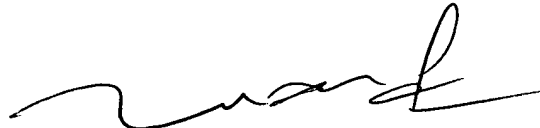
Correspondence Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chuck Kendall whose telephone number is 703-3086608. The examiner can normally be reached on 10:00 am - 6:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Dam can be reached on 703-3054552. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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